

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, replace the paragraph inserted after the title by Preliminary Amendment on February 2, 2005 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a National Phase application based on PCT/JP2004/002085, filed on February 23, ~~[[2003]]~~2004, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/448,878, filed on February 24, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Page 4, replace the paragraph beginning on line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

The therapeutic measures for heart failure are entirely different depending on the conditions, i.e., whether it is in the chronic phase or in the acute phase. For the treatment of the chronic heart failure, it is treated so as to release the remaining heart failure symptom and to maintain in the stable state so that the symptom ~~[[falls]]~~ does not fall into chronic heart failure in acute exacerbation. On the other hand, when the patient falls into chronic heart failure in acute exacerbation, the symptom may possibly change rapidly for the worse and there is threat to life, and hence, from this viewpoint, it is necessary to take a life-saving measure by temporarily controlling the breath and blood pressure and administering a cardiotonic drug so as to moderate and stabilize the clinical symptoms, in hemodynamic viewpoint, by increasing cardiac output, decreasing intravascular circulation volume, and increasing renal blood flow.

Page 20, replace the paragraph beginning on line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The core tablets thus prepared are ~~vanished~~ varnished and dusted with talc, in order to guard them from wetting. Undercoating is applied to the core tablets. In order to administer the tablets orally, the core tablets are ~~vanished~~ varnished several times. In order to give round shape and smooth surface to the tablets, further undercoating and coating with a lubricant are applied thereto. The tablets are further coated with a coloring coating ~~materials~~ material until the desired colored tablets are obtained. After drying, the coated tablets are polished to obtain the desired tablets having uniform ~~[[gross]]~~ gloss.